Assassination Records Review Board
Final Determination Notification

AGENCY : HSCA
RECORD NUMBER : 180-10060-10442
RECORD SERIES : STAFF PAYROLL RECORDS
AGENCY FILE NUMBER :

December 8, 1995

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IDENTIFICATION FORM

AGENCY INFORMATION

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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

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HITCHCOCK, CORNISH

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HITCHCOCK, C.F.
Name of Employee

Address

Address

Phone Number

Position Title

Position Number — Level — Step

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
PERSONAL LEAVE RECORD

1977
YEAR

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 1-1-77

PRIOR FEDERAL SERVICE: .... Years .... Months

ANNUAL LEAVE CATEGORY
- 1.0 ☐
- 1.5 ☐
- 2.0 ☐

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PRECEDING YEAR

Annual Leave	Sick Leave
—	—

DAY OF MONTH

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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July																															
Aug.																															
Sept.																															
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Nov.																															
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Month	Accrued This Month – Annual Leave	Accrued This Month – Sick Leave	Available This Month – Annual Leave	Available This Month – Sick Leave	Used This Month – Annual Leave	Used This Month – Sick Leave	Balance at Close of Month – Annual Leave	Balance at Close of Month – Sick Leave	Employee Initials
Jan.	1	1							
Feb.	1	1							
Mar.	1	1							
Apr.	1	1							
May	1	1					5	5	
June	0	0	5	5	5	0	0	5	
July									
Aug.									
Sept.									
Oct.									
Nov.									
Dec.									

Terminated June 7, 1977

- ☐ (single slash) = 0.5 day annual leave
- ☒ = 1.0 day annual leave
- S (slash) = 0.5 day sick leave
- S or S/S = 1.0 day sick leave
- A (slash) = 0.5 day administrative leave
- A or A/A = 1.0 day administrative leave
- U (slash) = 0.5 day unauthorized absence
- U or U/U = 1.0 day unauthorized absence
- (half shaded) = 0.5 day leave without pay
- (shaded) = 1.0 day leave without pay

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Employee's Signature — Date
(If employee refuses to sign, state reason below.)

Chief's Signature — Date

Approved: Clerk of the House — Date

This record will be forwarded to the Clerk of the House at the end of each calendar year, or in case of termination, along with the request for termination. Upon approval, the record will be filed in the employee's official personnel folder.

EXHIBIT I

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Sprague

FROM: Bob Lehner

DATE: December 23, 1976

SUBJECT: Cornish F. Hitchcock

Mr. Hitchcock is a very bright young man. He graduated from the Georgetown University Law Center in May, 1975. He then clerked for a Connecticut Supreme Court judge for a year. He did part-time work for Representative McKinney and is now working with a small Washington, D.C. law firm making $200 a week.

I was impressed with his willingness to work hard and his ability to fend off pointed questions.

I recommend we take him.

RJL

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Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

Left message to have Cornish F. Hitchcock to call me...his office said it would be Tuesday a.m.

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U.S. House of Representatives
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

Answer for Rich
Give to Counsels

12/7/76

Vivian:
please note and
pass on to Feeney.

— Thanks,

Donovan

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HITCHCOCK

STEWART B. McKINNEY
4TH DISTRICT, CONNECTICUT

504 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

COMMITTEES:
BANKING, CURRENCY
AND HOUSING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

TELEPHONE: (202) 225-5541

DEC 6 1976

ATTORNEY

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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NORWALK, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE: (203) 866-6469

December 2, 1976

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Select Committee on Assassinations
Room 3342
Attention: Richard Feeney

Dear Rick:

Con Hitchcock is very interested in working on the committee's legal staff. I had hoped to convince him to work on my staff, but he declined. I recommend him very highly. His work is superior and he has a reputation as a tireless worker.

I would hope an interview could be arranged for Monday, December 6. Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Stew

Stewart B. McKinney, M.C.

SBM:mm
enc.

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PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORM

(Please Use Typewriter or Ballpoint Pen)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

(Any erasures, corrections, or changes on this form must be initialed by the authorizing official.)

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Cornish F. Hitchcock	6/7/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
042 40 0959	☐ Appointment ☐ Salary Adjustment ☒ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number______________ If applicable, Level________ Step________

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date June 7, 1977 ______________________________
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED: ______________________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code__________

Monthly Annuity $__________.00

Copy for Initiating Office or Committee

June 16, 1977

Mr. Cornish F. Hitchcock
1552 33rd Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Con:

I want you to know how much the Committee and I appreciate your service and how much we regret that you will no longer be a member of the staff.

You have our best wishes always.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Stokes
Chairman

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JUN 3 1977

1552 33rd Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20007
2 June 1977

Hon. Louis Stokes
Chairman
Select Committee on Assassinations
2455 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I hereby resign from the staff of the Select Committee, effective the close of business on 7 June 1977.

Very truly yours,

Cornish F. Hitchcock

cc: Thomas Lambeth,
Acting Director

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1977 JUN -6 PM 2:44
U.S. HOUSE SELECT
COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

1552 33rd Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20007
2 June 1977

Hon. Louis Stokes
Chairman
Select Committee on Assassinations
2455 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Very truly yours,

Cornish F. Hitchcock

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cc: Thomas Lambeth,
Acting Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Lambeth

FROM: Robert J. Lehner

DATE: May 26, 1977

SUBJECT: Con Hitchcock

This is to request a salary adjustment from $15,000 to $20,000 per year for Con Hitchcock. Mr. Hitchcock was hired in December at a salary of $15,000. The thought of the then Staff Director and Chief Counsel was that after members of the staff were working here for a period of time and we were able to evaluate their work, salary adjustments would be made. Unfortunately those salary adjustments were never made because of the delay in reconstituting and re-budgeting the Committee.

Mr. Hitchcock graduated from Law School in 1975. The only other attorney on the King Task Force that graduated that year was Sheila Jackson Lee. Her salary is $23,000 per year.

Mr. Hitchcock has demonstrated a quick ability to assimilate factual situations, gives insightful legal analysis of those situations and writes cogently in these areas. He is a definite asset to our team and one of the brightest people we have on the staff.

I had recommended to Al Lewis this same adjustment. Mr. Lewis agreed and was prepared to make that recommendation to the Committee.

For the above reasons, I hereby recommend Mr. Hitchcock's salary adjustment be made forthwith.

RJL:ek

RJL

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Cornish F. Hitchcock	6/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
042 40 0959	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	$20,000

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________ If applicable, Level______ Step______

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date June 1, 19 77 [signature]
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code________

Monthly Annuity $________.00

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Cornish F. Hitchcock	5/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
042 40 0959	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	$15,000

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________ If applicable, Level______ Step______

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date May 10, 1977

[signature]
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

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Monthly Annuity $________.00

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Cornish F. Hitchcock	4/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
042 40 0959	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	$30,000

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number______________ If applicable, Level________ Step________

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date April 29, 19 77

[signature]
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:________________________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:
Office Code__________
Monthly Annuity $__________.00

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Cornish F. Hitchcock	1/3/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
042 40 0959	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Select Committee on Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	$10,000.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 11 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________ If applicable, Level________ Step________

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date________________, 1977

____
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Henry B. Gonzalez
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

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APPROVED:________________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Cornish F. Hitchcock	1/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
042 40 0959	[X] Appointment ☐ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Select Committee on Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
Staff Counsel	$15,000

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. [X] Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 1540 of 94th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________ If applicable, Level______ Step______

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date December 30, 1976

____
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Thomas N. Downing, Chairman
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Select Committee on Assassinations
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:____________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code________

Monthly Annuity $________.00

Copy for Initiating Office or Committee

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Staff Employees

FROM: Budget Officer

DATE: January 3, 1977

RE: Payroll Certification

Starting with the January, 1977 payroll, the certification to the House Finance Office requires, among other things, the relationship, if any, of each staff employee to any current Member of Congress (those taking office January 3, 1977).

The following are the relationships to be included in the certification:

father	nephew	brother-in-law
mother	niece	sister-in-law
son	husband	stepfather
daughter	wife	stepmother
brother	father-in-law	stepbrother
sister	mother-in-law	stepsister
uncle	son-in-law	half-brother
aunt	daughter-in-law	half-sister
first cousin		

All staff employees are requested to complete this form and return it to the Budget officer.

Approved
Richard A. Sprague

I am not related ✓

I am related by the following relationship ______________

Cornelius J. Hitchcock [signature]
Signature of Employee HITCHCOCK

10 January 1977
Date

DEC 6 1976

(CON) RESUME

Cornish F. Hitchcock

Local Address: [redacted] 1767 Swann St, NW
Washington, D.C. 200[redacted]09
Telephone: (202) [redacted] 234-5686
Bar memberships: Admitted to Connecticut and Second Circuit bars, October 1975.
Application for membership in District of Columbia bar pending.

Born: August 20, 1951
Marital Status: Single
Military Status: Ineligible

$200/week

EMPLOYMENT

Nov. 76 to present: Law firm of William A. Dobrovir, 2005 L St, NW, Wash, DC 20036 785-8919

September 1976 to November 1976	in re-election campaign of Representative Stewart B. McKinney (R-Conn.), Fairfield, Conn.
June 1975 to July 1976 $13,000	Law clerk to Justice John P. Cotter, Supreme Court of Connecticut, Hartford, Conn. Duties included legal research and writing and service as secretary to the state wiretap panel.
September 1974 to May 1975	Part-time law clerk in public interest law firm of William A. Dobrovir and Associates, Washington, D.C.
September 1973 to September 1974	Part-time legislative aide to Rep. Stewart B. McKinney, Washington, D.C.
June 1973 to September 1973	Research assistant for American Judicature Society, Chicago, Ill. Researched, wrote and edited articles for Society magazine and compiled "Selected Readings: Judicial Selection and Tenure."
Summers 1970 through 1972	Editor, The Chicago Maroon (student newspaper), Chicago, Ill.

EDUCATION

August 1972 to May 1975

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C.
J.D. received in May 1975.
Graduated in top third of class. General courses of study pursued, with emphasis on litigation, constitutional law and antitrust.
Appellate litigation clinical seminar: Only student to argue three cases in D.C. Circuit, including United States v. Agurs, 510 F.2d 1249, reh. en banc denied, 520 F.2d 82 (1975), rev'd., 96 S. Ct. 2392 (1976). Also participated in writing United States v. Hall, 525 F.2d 857 (D.C. Cir. 1976).

	Research assistant to Professor Richard H. Chused in case of United States v. Johnson, decided sub nom., United States v. Bridgeman, 523 F.2d 1099 (D.C. Cir. 1975). Law club teaching fellow: taught legal research and writing principles to seminar of first year law students.
September 1968 to June 1972	THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS B.A. received in June 1972. Graduated in top third of class with major in history, especially American and British. Editor-in-chief, The Chicago Maroon (student newspaper). Recipient of Murray Alumni Award for contributions to extracurricular life. Member, senior men's honorary society. Member, faculty-student advisory committees.
September 1964 to June 1968	THE HOTCHKISS SCHOOL, LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT Graduated in June 1968. Ranked in top quarter of class, received school prize and academic prizes in classics.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

WALTER E. FAUNTROY, D.C.
YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE, CALIF.
CHRISTOPHER J. DODD, CONN.
HAROLD E. FORD, TENN.
CHARLES THONE, NEBR.

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Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
3341 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

December 10, 1976

The Honorable Stewart B. McKinney
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. McKinney:

Thank you for your letter of December 2, 1976 and the accompanying resume of Mr. Cornish F. Hitchock.

I have given Mr. Hitchock's resume to the Deputy Chief Counsels and have told them of your interest. I am sure they will be in touch with him soon and I am hopeful that they will offer him a position.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

RICHARD J. FEENEY

RJF/st